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1) Centre for Social Research
Special Consultative Status Granted in 1996

CSR is one of the leading Women's Institutions working in the field of social action since 1983. A group of concerned social scientists dedicated to promote the empowerment of women, deprived castes and groups founded CSR. CSR aims to empower women and provide them with the resources to be self-reliant individuals. We work at the grassroots, regional and international levels to raise women's awareness of their rights, build inroads into decision- making institutions and to eliminate violence against women. Our goal is to achieve economic self-sufficiency and raise awareness of social, political and legal issues. Centre for Social Research focuses on the following areas of work: Research, Development/Capacity Building, Gender Training Institute, Counselling, Advocacy, and Networking.

Our research projects and surveys have been appreciated for their scientific rigor, policy-level recommendations and action oriented insights. The issues that currently concern us and are the concentration of our research and projects include: health, gender, and violence against women, environment, education, governance, political participation, labour, industry and trade.

DEVELOPMENT: Our rural development programmes are aimed at self-reliance of rural women through promoting skill training, income generation activities and supportive activities. One project we have is an education programme that addresses the concerns of rural girls' education by providing free primary education, and encouraging higher education.

COUNSELLING CENTERS FOR WOMEN IN DISTRESS: The main objective of these centres lc cated in various locations is to provide counselling and legal aid to women victims of domestic violence and to rehabilitate them. These centres give women a voice and provide them with guidance, encouragement, inspiration to achieve personal goals, self-realization, and the tools to resolve relationship issues.

GENDER TRAINING INSTITUTE: In efforts to promote gender equality and empower women, CSR has established The Gender Training Institute which has been working relentlessly towards dispelling the various misconceptions associated with gender. In 2003 CSR reached a landmark by expanding its work to 236 programmes with 7884 participants.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEAR 2000

1. CSR opened its' fourth Counselling Centre in Yamuna Pushta area of Delhi (largest slum of Delhi).
2. CSR involved in two research projects on Strengthening Government -Citizen Connections of Urban Local Bodies in Jaipur, Udiapur and Jodhpur districts of Rajasthan.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEAR 2001

1. CSR completed research project on "Strengthening Government-Citizen Connection for Effective Governance". The project was later implemented in Jaipur and Jodhpur districts of Rajasthan. Two-day training was also organized for the counsellors of Jodhpur on August 9-10, 2001.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEAR 2002

1. CSR concluded a research project on "Domestic Violence: A Case Study of Selected Areas of the Indian Capital"
2. Research Project - Gender and Adjustment Policies: impact of Structural Adjustment Policies (SAP) on women's coir industry in Kerala.
3. Evaluation study of the Pulse Polio Campaign being implemented by the National Pulse Polio Surveillance programme on behalf of the government of Uttar Pradesh, and funded by the World Health Organization.
4. The Southern Regional Seminar on the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women (NPEW). The seminar focused on the issue of women in the political sphere.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN YEAR 2003

1. CSR released a report that on women in textiles and food processing industries, which was followed by several conferences on the impact of the World Trade Organization (WTO) on women's livelihood in India. The CSR has also been actively lobbying with UNCTAD and UNIFEM to bring in gender dimensions to the WTO trade negotiations.
2. CSR created a map on violence against women which was also distributed to all police stations across the capital. This map provides information to everything connected to intervention and counselling of victims of rape & domestic violence, including list of NGOs, crime against women cells, health institutions and other legal information.
3. CSR expanded its women's empowerment project called "Step Towards Women's Empowerment" which aims to provide women with benefits and enhance their capacity and their control on resources.
4. CSR started an AIDS awareness programme for teenagers in the four large slums of Delhi.
5. UNIFEM sponsored a study on the "Impact of WTO on Women's Livelihood in India" was completed in June 2003. It also studied the flexibility in WTO agreements and the impact of removal of trade barriers on the livelihood of women.
6. Evaluation study titled "Evaluation on Usage of Low Cost Sanitation & Crematoria under Yamuna Action Plan"
7. World Health Organization awarded a study to CSR to evaluate the use of IEC material on Pulse Polio in districts of Muradabad and Rampur, Uttar Pradesh.
8. Initiative towards Women's Empowerment Program, which aimed at promoting social, political and economic rights of women within communities and the larger society.
9. Training sessions with policies academies on gender issues, which was approved by UNIFEM. The training was conducted aiming at improving law enforcement agents' understanding and protection of women's human rights.
10. UNIFEM sponsored project "Preparation of Resource Directory and Map on support services available to counter violence against women in the state of Uttar Pradesh" started in May 2003. The project aimed to create a detailed directory of available Support Services available to women.

2) Institute of Social Studies Trust

Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST) is dedicated to conducting research and action programmes to promote social justice and equity for the under-privileged with a focus on women. ISST collaborates with NGOs, activists and researchers in India as well as outside India in its research work. ISST's work aims at promoting knowledge and practice that will contribute to full implementation of CEDAW, the Beijing Platform for Action, and the Beijing +5 Outcome Document. Research results are widely disseminated and policy recommendations articulated. In addition, through our Community Outreach Programme being conducted in slum clusters in east Delhi, we attempt to make some real difference in the lives of poor women, to empower them and to seek systemic changes.

Participation of UN Related Activities (2000-2003)

Year 2003: December 2003: Participated in retreat at Goa, on "Critical Reflections on State Human Development Reports" co-hosted by the Human Development Resource Centre (HDRC), UNDP India Country Office and the Planning Commission, Government of India (GOI).

- November 2003: Panelist at Gender Poverty Summit in New Delhi organized by Women's Political Watch and UNDP. Session on 'Perspectives on women's poverty in State Human Development Reports' and presented a paper "The politics of measurement: HDR values"

- May 2003: India Consultation on "Evergreen Revolution", Based on the findings of the Report "Human Development in South Asia 2002: Agriculture and Rural Development" under the Asia-Pacific Regional Initiative on Human Development Reports, HDRC UNDP, New Delhi. Paper presented 'Envisioning a gendered sub continental Political Economy for South Asia the Haq Centres potential'

- Colloquium on Population Policy – Development and Human Rights, organized by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), New Delhi, 9-10 January 2003. Paper presented 'Learning from the evolution of population policy in India'

- 19 December 2003: Seminar in New Delhi on Poverty and Environment organised by UNDP

- 3 November 2003: Symposium in New Delhi on Trade, Globalisation and Gender, organised by UNCTAD-UNIFEM

- Round-table meetings with UNDESA & UN-NGO-IRENE, organised by UNIFEM and All India Women's Education Fund Association(AIWEFA), on 23rd October, New Delhi, 2003.

- Participation in Discussion: Recommendations for Engendering the Budget, organized by UNIFEM on 14th February, New Delhi, 2003.

- Study commissioned by ILO, New Delhi, 2003 'Decent Employment for Women – Learnings and recommendations from the pilot project'. Available as unpublished report.

Year 2002: UNFPA Retreat on Population and Poverty Princeton, New York from 30 September to 2 October 2002. Wrote a paper entitled "Enabling Reduction of Poverty and Inequality in South Asia" which provided input for UNFPA's research agenda with special reference to the goal of poverty eradication.

-Invited to be a panellist at the UN World Conference on "World Summit on Sustainable Development – Rio +10" which took place in Johannesburg in August 2002. The Panel was called 'Population in Sustainable Development: Reproductive Health and Gender in Poverty Reduction' and it was convened by UNFPA.

-Attended the 'The United Nations and South Asia' conference held on 27-28 May 2002 at Tokyo, Japan which was organized by The United Nations University, in collaboration with the UN Agencies and the South Asian embassies in Japan.

-May 2002: Attended UNIFEM sponsored conference in collaboration with University at Ferrara & Modena University, Italy on Rethinking Gender, Democracy and Development, and prepared a paper on GLOBALISM AND LOCALISM-Negotiating feminist space.

-Attended a roundtable discussion on 'Feminist Perspectives in US and EU Foreign Policies' at Council of Foreign Relations, New York, 8 March 2002.

-Workshop on Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation in India, January 11-12, 2002, New Delhi, organized by World Bank

-Prepared paper for United Nations Conference on Financing for Development (2002) in collaboration with Reserve Bank of India and UNIFEM called "Financing for District Development."

-Orientation Workshop for UNIFEM partners on Gender and HIV/AIDS, organized by UNIFEM, New Delhi, on 19 July 2002

- Expert Group Meeting on Development Issues and Policies, organised by UN-ESCAP on 2nd & 3rd December, Bangkok, 2002.

Year 2001: Participated in Round Table for Enabling Women to lead Afghanistan by UN agencies, organized by UNIFEM at Brussels in December 2001 and prepared a note 'Enabling Women to lead Afghanistan from devastation to a great nation.

-Participated in UNIFEM convened Consultation on 'Gender Budgeting' held in collaboration with Belgium Government in Brussels on October 16-17, 2001

-Women and child rights in the context of globalisation, Speech delivered at Roundtable on 'Building bridges for equality – mobilizing actions' for the human rights of children and women, organized by UNICEF / Society for International Development (SID), New York on 14 – 15 June, 2001. Convened and prepared a report on India's New Population Policy, first at the Southern Regional Level and then National Level in collaboration with UNFPA

-National Colloquium on Population Policy, April 20th –21st 2001, New Delhi, organized by Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation and Delhi University, paper presented 'Population Policies Past and Present some current issues'

-Member of a three member High Power Review Committee, for reviewing the progress of the UN Secretary General's Reform of the Development Programme called 'UNDAF' – UN Development Assistant Frame Work. A report came out in 2001 called '2001 External Assessment of the UNDAF'.

-Brainstorming Session for the Development of the UN Political Advocacy Strategy for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care in South Asia organized by UNIFEM, New Delhi, January 15, 2001.

Year 2000: Millennium Conference on Population, Development and Environment Nexus, February 14-16, 2000, New Delhi, organized by Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) and UNFPA

-2000-2003 Participation in other conferences, studies, and workshops in the fields of Human Rights: Gender and HIV/AIDS, Gender Budgets, Decent Employment for Women, State Human Development Reports, Globalisation, Governance, and other UN related Issues.

-Seminar participation: Women in Panchayati Raj organized by Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad and UNICEF Hyderabad, on 29-31st March, Hyderabad, 2000.

-Gender Dimensions of HIV/AIDS, UNIFEM, 10-11 January, New Delhi, 2000.

Other Studies, Projects, and Activities The Institute if Social Studies Trust Participated in between 2000-2003:

- A Regional Workshop for Building Knowledge and Capacity among Community based Organisations & Women's groups of Northern Region, Sponsored by UNIFEM).

- A Cultural Approach to HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care: A Hand Book For India, Sponsored by UNESCO

- *Publications: Living Under a Shadow: Gender & HIV/AIDS in Delhi.* The book would be useful for researchers, program implementers and policy makers.

- *Study* – Gender Budget analysis with special reference to food policy in Delhi and health policy in Himachal Pradesh, Sponsored by UNIFEM

-*Study* - a background paper for the health section of Himachal Pradesh Human Development Report, Sponsored by UNDP,

3) International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates
Special Consultative Status Granted 1952

The aim of the Association is to promote and encourage the establishment of Youth and Family Justice Systems which protect the universal principles of dignity and human rights of children and families. In brief, the main objects of the Association are to establish links between judges, magistrates and specialists from all over the world who are attached to a judicial authority, concerned with the protection of youth and the family; to examine legislation designed for the protection of youth and the family and to study, at international level, all problems raised by the functioning of judicial authorities and bodies in this field; to ensure the continuance of the national and international principles governing those authorities and to make them more widely known.

Membership:

The Association's membership is drawn from 83 countries covering all five continents. The total number of individual members is 537. We also have 17 National Association members. These are Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Switzerland, Tunisia and the United States of America. National Association members are registered as single entities and are not required to provide a breakdown of their membership.

Cooperation with UN bodies and specialized agencies:

It is only possible to give the briefest of overviews of the work of the Association in the space available. The Association has appointed representatives to the United Nations in Vienna, Geneva and New York and to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and The Hague. These members represent the Association at relevant meetings, seminars and conferences. The Association was represented at an Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the Application of United Nations Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna. The Association was involved in the UNICEF project in Geneva and New York to draft Juvenile Justice Indicators. The Association worked closely with UNICEF on a project aimed at the development of child-friendly courts in Malawi. The Association cooperated with South African colleagues on the production of a "Best Practice" manual on Juvenile Justice in Africa. A member has undertaken a comparative study on The Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC), Sharia and Tribal laws in Afghanistan, under the auspices of UNICEF, and the evaluation of a 3-year juvenile justice project in Lithuania. The Association has promoted the development of coherent juvenile justice systems in countries around the world and members have worked with a range of professionals including judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers and social workers. Members have organized and/or facilitated Juvenile Justice training sessions and/or been involved in Fact-Finding Missions to, Australia, Bangladesh, Bosnia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Burundi, Cameroon, Columbia, Estonia, France, Germany, Guinea, Holland, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Kazhakstan, Kosovo(Serbia and Montenegro), Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mauritania, Moldavia, Morocco, Myanmar, Pakistan, Peru, Senegal, Tadjikistan, Turkey, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

Sponsorship of meetings and seminars:

The Association was involved in a wide range of seminars and conferences. Space does not allow the inclusion of the titles of the conferences but all were aimed at the promotion, protection and defense of children's rights whether offenders or children in need of care and protection. I list below the dates and venues - full details can be had on request.

2000 Mar Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro); South Africa; April Kosovo(Serbia and Montenegro); Sept Singapore; Oct Sion

2001 June Greifswald; July Monterey; Sept Brussels & Bath (England); Oct Belfast & Sion; Nov Myanmar & Yaounde (Cameroon); Dec Japan

2002 May UN New York Special Session on Children; July Myanmar & Boston (Massachusetts); Oct Melbourne, Australia World Congress of the IAYFJM

2003 Mar Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso); Apr Cape Town; July San Antonio (Texas); Aug La Plata (Argentina); Mendoza (Argentina); Tongoy (Chile) & Warsaw (Poland); Sept Fribourg; Oct Edinburgh (Scotland); & Sion (Switzerland).

4) Mukono Multi-purpose Youth Organization

Mukono Multi-purpose Youth Organisation (MUMYO) is a non-governmental and non-partisan Organization dedicated to various issues aimed at promoting the rights and well-being of the youth, especially in the rural areas. The organization is involved in a number of activities aimed at promoting the rights and well being of the youth including, but not limited to; advocating for increased accessibility to education, both formal and informal; skills training and apprenticeship to enable the youth acquire a range of skills; promoting food security, through sustainable agriculture, for increased food productivity that meets basic consumption needs and also generates income from sales; mobilizing the youth and adults towards HIV/AIDS awareness, counseling and testing services; promoting sustainable utilization and management of environmental resources through education and awareness creation, afforestation and reforestation and proper waste management. The activities are carried out in Mukono district, Uganda, with the active participation of the membership. The organization maintains an office with full-time and part-time staff, Located at Naggalama- Mukono, and depends primarily on the valuable contributions of its members, both in cash and in kind. It has not received any substantive support from external sources apart from Uganda Shillings 1,548,800 (US$ 785) received, from the Uganda AIDS Control ProjectMukono District Health Services Department, for implementing of HIV/AIDS activities in four sub-counties. *MUMYO* is a member of the Conference of Non-governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) and the NetAid, a network of people and organizations committed to the alleviation of extreme poverty throughout the world.

Summary of Activities Supporting the Work of U.N
During the period May 2000-December 2003, the organization has been actively involved in a number of activities aimed at promoting the goals and objectives of the United Nations and accelerating progress towards the Millennium Development Goals including, the followings:

Education- The organization supports adult education, in the form of functional adult literacy, to enable the uneducated and out of school youth play active roles in the education of their children and carry out their rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Education is a fundamental human right, it is a key to sustainable development, peace and stability and an indispensable means for effective participation of people in social and economic development. During this period under review, the organization was able to set up four other adult literacy centres in Mukono district, to make a total of eight centres, despite the limited resources. The programme covers basic literacy, nutrition, hygiene and sanitation in homes, better farming practices, business and leadership skills. More than 250 people, especially women, have benefited from the programme.

HIV/AIDS- The organization was involved in a number of HIV/AIDS related activities including: Promotion of youth friendly Information, Education and Communication activities, such as, condom education and promotion, mobilization of people for Voluntary Counseling and Testing and training people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in income generating activities for them to continue

living positively. The Millennium Declaration (2000) sets out a number of significant HIV/AIDS related goals including to halve and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015. The activities were carried out in Kimenyedde, Nakisunga, Nabbale and Kasawo sub-counties in Mukono district.

Extreme Poverty - The Millennium Declaration sets out a number of significant goals for the alleviation of extreme poverty including reducing by half the proportion of the world's population whose income is less than one dollar a day. The organization's initiatives towards the achievement of this goal focused, mainly, on the followings;

- Youth empowerment through enterprise education, training in group dynamics and leadership skills and use of participatory approaches to planning.
- Promotion of food security through better farming practices to enable the youth generate income to meet their basic needs, and
- Attending to the needs of the disadvantaged groups including the orphans and people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Information Activities - In 2001, the organization opened up a website intended to disseminate information, relating to the organization activities, to its partners and other stakeholders including the United Nations. The site also provides links to other organizations and web-based resources relating to the United Nations. The website is maintained by a volunteer and it is hosted on Kabissa server.

Challenges - While the initiatives have yielded positive results, not many people have benefited due to limited fbnding. There is needs for increased funding and empowerment of the poor communities, especially in the rural areas, as means of accelerating progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.

U.N Meetings and Conferences

The organization expressed interest and was credited to a number of United Nations conferences and their preparatory committees but could not attend any due to lack of funding. Efforts to get assistance from the organizers and elsewhere were fruitless. Invitations that were received clearly indicated that participants were responsible for their travel, subsistence and visa arrangements. The conferences to which the organization was accredited include: The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) held 10-12 December 2003, Geneva. The World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) held 26th August to 4* September 2002 in Johannesburg (South Africa). The United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children held 8-10 May 2002 in New York (USA). The 45th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held from 5-16 March 2001 in New York.

Other Related Activities

1. In 2002, the organization participated in the survey, carried out by the World Federation of the United Nations Association (WFUNA), intended to find out the role of Civil Society Organizations in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (2000)
2. In 2003, MUMYO contributed to the questionnaire, prepared by the Secretary-General's Panel of Eminent Persons on U.N and Civil Society. The Panel was mandated to canvas the experiences related to U.N and its relationship with civil society actors, private sector and

parliamentarian in order to make practical recommendations to the Secretary-General on possible improvements.

5) Peaceways — Young General Assembly
Granted Special Consultative Status 2000

Young GA is an international nonprofit organization created mainly by people under the age of 18 on a global scale. Its policies and plans are made by an Executive Committee comprised of people under the age of 18. People over the age of 18 make financial and legal decisions. The organization is made up of Member Organizations that are required to send in annual reports and are also required to give people under the age of 18 decision-making power within the organization. The organization aims to serve as a voice for people under 18 in international affairs and to promote the goals of the United Nations through Child Participation. The Young GA achieves its goals by circulating project plans designed at annual Young General Assembly sessions so that young people anywhere can bring United Nations goals alive in their local communities. Whenever funding will allow, the Young GA sends representatives to United Nations and international meetings and makes presentations about how young people can further the United Nations goals. The Peaceways-Young GA Secretariat also sends out e mail bulletins and mails information packets to Member Organizations educating them about United Nations activities and documents, United Nations General Assembly resolutions directly affecting young people, and other NGO activities and events that support the work of the United Nations. In 2003, there were 96 Member Organizations in 55 countries including approximately 2.5 million young people.

2000

1. In January 2000, UNESCO endorsed the First Annual Young General Assembly Session as an event celebrating the International Year of the Culture of Peace. Young General Assembly Charter completed during the Online Conference January 5 - March 18.
2. Two seventeen year old representatives attended the Millennium Forum May 22-26. They participated in the Human Rights and Poverty working groups as well as the Youth Caucus.
3. At the First Annual Session of the Young General Assembly in California July 21-30 the Charter was voted into force and a statement was written for the United Nations Millennium Summit.
4. Two under 18 representatives attended the DPI/NGO 53rd Annual Conference August 28-30 and presented at the side event "'GO Participation Furthers the Work of the United Nations."
5. Two under 18 representatives attended the Millennium Summit September 6-8. They handed out written copies of the "Young General Assembly Statement to the Millennium Forum."
6. Annual global celebration of Hear the Children Day of Peace September 19.
7. An under 1 8 representative attended the Promoting Adolescent Participation September 30-October 4 in London organized by UNICEF and Save the Children. The children's discussions were used as material for a UNICEF paper "Promoting Strategic Adolescent Participation."

2001

1. Three representatives under 1 8 attended the Second Substantive Session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children January 25-February 3. They presented the side event "Evaluating the Participation of Children." which produced a 50 question survey through which NGOs can evaluate ways in which Child Participation can be employed to better achieve organization goals.
2. A representative from Young GA Member Organization Women and Children Organization of Bhutan (in exile in Nepal) made an intervention a t the Seventeenth Session *of* the United Nations Working Groupon Minorities May 14.
3. Three representatives under 18 attended the Third Substantive Session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children June 8-15. They presented the side event "Bringing the Global Movement for Children Alive."
4. The Second Annual Young General Assembly Session July 27-August 4 in Swaziland produced a booklet of 30 project plans and a statement for the Fourth World Youth Forum of the United Nations System and a statement for the United Nations Special Session of the General Assembly on Children.
5. . Three representatives under 18 attended the DPUNGO 54"Annual Conference September 10" and presented the side event "Partnering with Young Volunteers."
6. Annual global celebration of Hear the Children Day of Peace September 18.
7. EARTH Contest October 1-June 1,2002 began. Prizes were awarded for the best environmental projects

2002

1. October 2002, Peaceways-Young General Assembly was awarded consultative status with UNICEF.
2. Three representatives attended the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Children May 2-10. They presented the side event "Designing Successful Projects Involving Child Participation."
3. The Third Annual Young General Assembly Session July 8-August 8 held in cyberspace produced a booklet of 40 project plans to implement A World Fit for Children and the Say YES for Children Campaign and "A Children's Proposal to Decision-Makers at the World Summit on Sustainable Development."
4. Four representatives under 18 attended the World Summit on Sustainable Development August 26-31 in Johannesburg. They presented "Children: Vital Partners in Globalization and the Preservation of the Earth."
5. Annual global celebration of Hear the Children Day of Peace September 16.

2003

1. The Fourth Annual Young General Assembly Session August 5-16 in Romania produced "A Global Plan of Action" so young people worldwide can do projects to implement A World Fit for Children.

2. Three representatives attended the DPUNGO *56"* Annual Conference September 8-10 and presented "The Next Generation Speaks Out: Young People on Fulfilling the Promise of the United Nations."
3. Annual global celebration of Hear the Children Day of Peace September 21.
4. The Olympic Truce Letter Campaign began November 1 so children worldwide can support the General Assembly resolution A/RES/58/6 calling on all UN Member States to reinstate the Olympic Truce.

6) Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries
Special Consultative status granted in 2000

Nature and Objectives

Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries (SCMM) and Associates (also known as Medical Mission Sisters) are members of an international organization consisting of members from twenty-four nationalities. The members are engaged in nineteen nations on five continents. Its members are committed to promote health, healing and wholeness through a comprehensive approach to community-based preventive health care and development projects, and complementary health programs.

In the pursuit of justice necessary for the health of the whole community of life and in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, its members engage in a variety of works from grassroots communities to policy-making bodies. The members work together with like-minded people to gain access to the basic necessities of life, to facilitate individuals and groups, particularly women, to reach their full potential. The organization works to encourage personal strength and collective collaboration in the building up of civil society; to promote justice and effect systemic change; to promote sustainable development; and to respect and restore the integrity of Earth's ecological systems. The organization, based on its expertise and experience in the field, decided to focus on the following areas of ECOSOC, that is, Financing for Development, Commission on Sustainable Development, Commission on Status of Women and Commission for Social Development. For this the organization designated five UN Representatives: two for New York, two for Geneva and one for Addis Ababa.

Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its Subsidiary Bodies and other Major UN Conferences:

2000 - Received accreditation in October 2000

2001 Activities

During the year Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries actively participated in Commission on Status of Women (CSW), 45th Session from March 6 – 16; Commission on Sustainable Development, 9th Session from April 16 – 27; World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) PrepCom I, April 30 - May 2; International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD) Third PrepCom, May 2 – 8; Resumed Session of the 45th Session on CSW, May 9 – 10. The Organization also participated in UN Special Session on Children Third PrepCom, June 11 – 15; UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS, June 25 – 27. Materials and information received by participating in

UNGASS on HIV/AIDS were sent to members working on HIV/AIDS in Africa and Asia. Also attended World Conference on Racism, August 27 - September 7; FFD Third Resumed PrepCom, October 15 - 19. Oral Intervention on Debt was made at this session. In the Division for the Advancement of Women - participated in the Expert Group Meeting on "Empowerment of Women Throughout the Life Cycle as a Transformative Strategy for Poverty Eradication," November 26 - 29, New Delhi. The Organization is actively involved in collaborative work involving Millennium Development Goals.

2002 Activities

In the year 2002 the Organization participated in the work of International Conference on Financing for Development, Fourth PrepCom, January 14 – 25; Second PrepCom of World Summit on Sustainable Development, January 28 - February 8, Commission on Social Development (CsocD), 40th Session, February 11 - 21.
Oral intervention on Debt, Gender and Poverty Eradication was made for CsocD on February 13. International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, March 18 - 22, special focus on thematic issue International Debt. Also participated in WSSD, Third PrepCom, March 25 – April 5th, Commission on Status of Women, 46th Session, March 4 – 15, Economic and Social Council Special High Level meeting with Bretton Woods Institutions, April 22; ECOSOC High Level Segment, NGO Forum, June 14th. Also participated actively in the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, August 26 to September 4th. Input and knowledge gained by participation in CSW and the Women's Major Group of CSD were used as tools by members of the Organization to empower women in the grassroots movements, Self Help Programs and other activities related to health of women and children.

2003 Activities

During 2003 the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries focused on Commission for Social Development, 41st Session, February 10 - 21. Oral Intervention was made Forging Partnerships for Social Development on February 13. Commission on the Status of Women, 47th Session, March 3 - 14
Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 11) April 28 - May 9th; ECOSOC Meeting in preparation for the High-level Segment, April 30 ECOSOC Meeting in preparation for the High-level Segment, April 30th; Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. As an NGO in the Inter Africa Committee took active part lobbying for the adoption of the Protocol to be used as a tool for International Advocacy on Human Rights of African Women. As part of FFD follow-up, attended Special briefing on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus - September 30th; Second Committee Event: Panel discussion on "International Cooperation on Tax Matters." High-Level General Assembly Dialogue on FFD and Related Events, October 27 – 30th. Participation in Financing for Development empowered members all over to work intensely for debt relief and doing advocacy work at various levels for increasing Official Development Assistance of 0.7% for achieving Millennium Development Goals.

Questionnaires Submitted

During this period SCMM completed three questionnaires, one from CSD Secretariat focusing on WSSD Follow-up Process, one on UN and Civil Society Relationship, and from ECOSOC, the request on Questionnaire, Success Story and Summary Format.

Seven NGO Documents to the UN were signed by the organization, of which five were Official UN Documents of NGOs. In addition, numerous other NGO statements were also signed in connection with CSD, FFD, CsocD, and CSW.

Five talks were given to outside groups by the SCMM UN Representatives to disseminate information about UN and FFD. Every year, two visits were organized for introducing new members of the organization to the UN and its works. Verbal reports of the major UN Conferences were also given to the members in the different regions.

SCMM also participated in the Annual Conferences of DPI during the reporting period, and its representatives are active members of the CONGO NGO Committees for Sustainable Development and Social Development and the Sub-committee for Eradication of Poverty. One member is the Co-chair of Earth Values Caucus of CSD. The Rio Summit and WSSD outcome helped members of the Organization to set up Integrity of Creation Centers in different parts of the world caring for planet Earth. The NGO Representative attends DPI briefings and disseminates material from such briefings through organizational newsletters.

Documents, Publications and Information Program

Reports of UN meetings are published in SCMM international and regional newsletters. Listed below are newsletters of the organization that carried reports of UN activities:

InterContinent: Three issues had publication of UN events, especially the World Conference on Racism and the World Conference on Sustainable Development.

MMS and the UN: Nine reports of UN Conferences were made in this publication.

Medical Mission Sisters News: Two issues of this magazine published UN events.

Medische Missiezusters: A publication on Water was made in Dutch.

District Link: Twelve publications were made of UN Conferences in this newsletter.

Hotline: Announcements of UN Conferences and reporting was made in twenty-four issues.

Justice Jottings: Three issues contained reports of UN events.

(A copy of each can be made available)